

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A fastening tape (10) for a hygiene item ~~(8), in particular for a baby diaper or an incontinence diaper,~~ having a fastening area for permanent fastening on the hygiene item ~~(8)~~ and having a closing area ~~(11)~~ for simultaneous detachable joining to a hygiene item surface of the hygiene item ~~(8)~~, whereby the fastening tape ~~(10)~~ has a protruding section ~~(14)~~ between the closing area ~~(11)~~ and a tape end ~~(16)~~ ~~to be assigned~~ adjacent to the closing area, wherein the protruding section ~~(14)~~ has a separate grip area ~~(24)~~ ~~with~~ having a ~~macroscopically structured~~ surface ~~(23, 33, 34)~~ with a macroscopic structure.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the separate grip area has a structurally separate component ~~(22; 31; 42; 54; 55; 100)~~.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to

Claim 2, wherein the structurally separate component is a film, ~~preferably~~ having a thickness of more than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , ~~especially preferably at most 600  $\mu\text{m}$ .~~

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is designed like a film.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~structured~~ surface has embossing.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 5, wherein the embossing has a plurality of straight and/or curved lines, some of which are ~~preferably~~ joined together.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is arranged on a grip edge of the protruding section.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is arranged with an offset to ~~a~~ the tape ~~edge of the protruding section~~ end.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape

according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is designed in strips and runs, at least in part, ~~partially~~ essentially according to along a grip edge and/or ~~a~~ the tape ~~edge end~~ in its shape.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area runs in a meandering pattern.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is approximately the same distance from the closing area as from ~~a~~ the tape ~~edge end~~.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is only on ~~exclusively~~ an inside of the fastening tape ~~has a grip area~~.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is only on an ~~exclusively and~~ outside of the fastening tape ~~has a grip area~~.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area comprises a common ~~grip area on~~ both sides of the fastening tape ~~have a common grip area and/or~~ separate grip areas are provided on each side of the fastening tape.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim ~~14~~ 1, ~~wherein~~ comprising two identically shaped and sized grip areas ~~are provided~~ on the two sides of the fastening tape.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, ~~wherein~~ comprising two separate film-like grip areas having ~~different macroscopically structured~~ surfaces with different macroscopic structures.

Claims 17-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to claim 1 wherein the closing area comprises a plurality of hooks.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The hygiene item according to claim ~~17~~ 26, wherein the closing area comprises a plurality of hooks and the hygiene item further comprises a frontal tape on an outside surface of the hygiene item, said frontal tape comprising a plurality of loops corresponding to the hooks, said hooks and loops forming a two component fastening system.

Claim 26 (New): A hygiene item comprising a diaper and a diaper fastening tape, the diaper comprising a diaper surface and

the diaper fastening tape comprising a fastening area for permanent fastening on the diaper, a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to the diaper surface, and a tape end adjacent to the closing area, wherein the fastening tape has a protruding section between the closing area and the tape end and the protruding section has a separate grip area having a surface with a macroscopic structure